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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6436

BILL NUMBER: HB 1353

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Representation of Rural Areas on County Councils.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ruppel

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that in certain counties, the county executive shall divide the county into *at least* four single-member county fiscal body districts. (Under current law, the fiscal body has four single-member districts.) The bill requires a county executive, in determining how many single-member districts to have for the county fiscal body and in drawing those districts, to consider how communities of interest in the county can best be represented and to draw the districts to provide at least one representative to each distinct community of interest to the extent practicable and not inconsistent with other applicable law.

The bill requires the county executive to consider rural and agricultural communities in the county to be a distinct community of interest. The bill provides that if a county executive converts an at-large seat on the county fiscal body to a single-member district seat, the first election under the new plan occurs at the first election at which at-large members would have been elected under the previous plan.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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